

What is claimed is:

1. A method of selecting a satellite signal comprising the steps of:
 - selecting said satellite signal via an integrated receiver/decoder;
 - 5 sending a first command signal from said integrated receiver/decoder to a selector switch; and
 - sending a second command signal from said integrated receiver/decoder to said selector switch once said integrated receiver/decoder has acquired and locked onto said satellite signal.
- 10 2. A method of selecting a satellite signal comprising the steps of:
 - selecting said satellite signal via an integrated receiver/decoder (IRD);
 - sending a first command signal from said IRD to a selector switch;
 - switching in response to said first command signal, said selector switch to
 - 15 couple to a low noise block converter (LNB) corresponding to said first command signal;
 - acquiring and locking said IRD to the satellite signal;
 - sending a second command signal from said integrated receiver/decoder to said selector switch;
 - 20 receiving and locking onto said selected satellite signal in the instance where said selector switch is coupled to said LNB corresponding to the first command signal; and
 - disregarding said second command signal.
- 25 3. The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of:
 - receiving and locking onto a non-selected satellite signal in the instance where said selector switch is coupled to said LNB not corresponding to the first command signal.
- 30 4. The method of claim 3, further comprising the steps of:
 - switching to said low noise block converter (LNB) corresponding to said second command signal; and

acquiring and locking the IRD to the satellite signal in response to said second command signal.

5. The method of claim 4, further comprising the steps of:

- 5 sending a third command signal from said integrated receiver/decoder to said selector switch;
- receiving and locking onto said selected satellite signal in the instance where said selector switch is coupled to said LNB corresponding to the second command signal; and
- 10 disregarding said third command signal.

6. A method of selecting a satellite signal comprising the step of:

- sending a command signal from said integrated receiver/decoder to said selector switch;
- 15 terminating said satellite signal currently being received by an integrated receiver/decoder (IRD);
- repeatedly sending said command signal from said IRD to said selector switch; and
- receiving and locking onto said selected satellite signal in the instance where a
- 20 selector switch is coupled to said LNB corresponding to said command signal.

7. The method of claim 6, comprising the step of:

- searching for said terminated satellite signal via said repeated command signals, after said selector switch terminated said currently received satellite
- 25 signal.

8. Apparatus for selecting a satellite signal comprising:

- means for selecting said satellite signal via an integrated receiver/decoder (IRD);
- 30 means for sending a first command signal from said IRD to a selector switch;
- means for switching in response to said first command signal, said selector switch to couple to a low noise block converter (LNB) corresponding to said first command signal;

- means for acquiring and locking said IRD to the satellite signal;
- means for sending a second command signal from said integrated receiver/decoder to said selector switch;
- means for receiving and locking onto said selected satellite signal in the
- 5 instance where said selector switch is coupled to said LNB corresponding to the first command signal; and
- means for disregarding said second command signal.
9. The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising:
- 10 means for receiving and locking onto a non-selected satellite signal in the instance where said selector switch is coupled to said LNB not corresponding to the first command signal.
10. The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising:
- 15 means for switching to said low noise block converter (LNB) corresponding to said second command signal; and
- means for acquiring and locking the IRD to the satellite signal in response to said second command signal.
- 20 11. The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising:
- means for sending a third command signal from said integrated receiver/decoder to said selector switch;
- means for receiving and locking onto said selected satellite signal in the instance where said selector switch is coupled to said LNB corresponding to the
- 25 second command signal; and
- means for disregarding said third command signal.
12. Apparatus for selecting a satellite signal comprising:
- means for sending a command signal from said integrated receiver/decoder to
- 30 said selector switch;
- means for terminating said satellite signal currently being received by an integrated receiver/decoder (IRD);

means for repeatedly sending said command signal from said IRD to said selector switch; and

means for receiving and locking onto said selected satellite signal in the instance where a selector switch is coupled to said LNB corresponding to said command signal.

13. The apparatus of claim 12, comprising:

means for searching for said terminated satellite signal via said repeated command signals, after said selector switch terminated said currently received satellite signal.